

1 the legal issues involved. *Wilborn v. Escalderon*, 789 F.2d 1328, 1331 (9th Cir. 1986). Requests for
2 appointment of counsel are only rarely granted and only when exceptional circumstances exist. *United*
3 *States v. 30.64 Acres of Land*, 795 F.2d 796, 799-800 (9th Cir. 1986). Petitioner has demonstrated the
4 ability to articulate his claims pro se in light of the complexity of the legal issues involved.


5 The Plaintiff's motion to appoint counsel fails to meet the exceptional circumstances standard
6 for the following reasons:

- 7 • Plaintiff's spouse earns an income of \$2500.00 per month.
- 8 • Plaintiff's debts and monthly bills are listed as only being rent at \$1000.00 per month.
- 9 • Plaintiff owns property valued at \$5250.00.
- 10 • Plaintiff has made minimal effort to find counsel to represent the claim.

11 It is under the Court's discretion to grant or deny a motion to appoint counsel based on the
12 Plaintiff's claim. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(1). In light of this information, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that
13 the Plaintiff's Motion to Appoint Counsel is **DENIED. IF PLAINTIFF CHOOSES TO FILE**
14 **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING HIS POVERTY, HE MUST ATTACH A COPY**
15 **OF THIS ORDER.**

16 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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18 DATED: September 29, 2011

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20 Hon. Anthony J. Battaglia
21 U.S. District Judge
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